

REMARKS

This application includes claims 1-33. Claims 1-22 are allowed. Claims 23-33 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 23-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over information given in the Background section of the present patent application (referred to by the Examiner as "Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA)", in view of Tzannes (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2006/0188035). While disagreeing with the grounds of rejection (as explained in response to the previous Official Action in this case), Applicant has canceled claims 23-33 in order to expedite issuance of a patent on the allowable subject matter of claims 1-22.

Applicant believes the amendments and remarks stated above to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, all of the claims now pending in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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